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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re: Chapter 11

DELPHI CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. 05-44481 (RDD) (Jointly Administered)

RESPONSE OF SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT TO DEBTORS' TWENTIETH OMNIBUS OBJECTION PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 502(b) AND FED.R.BANKR.P. 3007 TO CERTAIN (A) DUPLICATE AND AMENDED CLAIMS, (B) INSUFFICIENTLY DOCUMENTED CLAIMS, (C) CLAIMS NOT REFLECTED ON DEBTORS' BOOKS AND RECORDS, (D) UNTIMELY CLAIMS, AND (E) CLAIMS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, TAX CLAIMS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, TAX CLAIMS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, MODIFIED CLAIMS ASSERTING RECLAMATION, CONSENSUALLY MODIFIED AND REDUCED TORT CLAIMS, AND LIFT STAY PROCEDURES CLAIMS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION

Siemens Aktiengesellschaft ("Siemens"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby responds to the Debtors' Twentieth Omnibus Objection Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 502(B) And Fed.R.Bankr.P. 3007 To Certain (A) Duplicate And Amended Claims, (B) Insufficiently Documented Claims, (C) Claims Not Reflected On Debtors' Books And Records, (D) Untimely Claims, And (E) Claims Subject To Modification, Tax Claims Subject To Modification, Tax Claims Subject To Modification, Modified Claims Asserting Reclamation, Consensually Modified And Reduced Tort Claims, And Lift Stay Procedures Claims Subject To Modification (the "Objection") filed by Delphi Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates (the "Debtors"), and states as follows:

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On October 8 and 14, 2005 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>").
- 2. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their assets as debtors-in-possession under Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. Prior to the Petition Date, Siemens sold automotive parts (indoor antennas) to the Debtors.
- 4. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors were past due on certain invoices relating to automotive parts provided to the Debtors pre-petition. As a result of the Debtor's failure to pay these pre-petition amounts, Siemens is entitled to assert a claim for those unpaid amounts due.
- 5. Siemens timely filed an unsecured non-priority claim in the amount of \$17,579.52 (the "Claim"). Attached to the Claim are invoices further detailing amounts owed. A true and

correct copy of the Claim is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. Although the Claim already constitutes *prima facie* evidence of amounts due Siemens, Siemens attaches certain additional documentation supporting its claim as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

- 6. In the Objection, the Debtors seek to reduce the Claim from \$17,579.52 to \$4,753.03 and modify the debtor from Case No. 05-44481 to 05-44640 in the Objection.
- 7. On or about August 24, 2007, the Debtors served the Notice of Objection to Claim (the "Notice") regarding the Objection as it applies to Siemens. In the Notice, the Debtors indicate that in addition to the modifications identified in the Objection, they are also seeking to reclassify Siemens' Claim to a general unsecured claim. The reclassification argument was not raised in the Objection, only in the Notice.
- 8. The Debtors' argue generally that the Claim possibly (a) states the incorrect amount or is overstated because it does not account for amounts that may have been paid or credited prior to or after the Petition Date or may include post-petition liabilities, (b) was filed and docketed against the wrong debtor, and/or (c) incorrectly asserts secured or priority status. The Debtors provide no specific information regarding the basis of their objection to the Claim.

## **ARGUMENT**

- 9. Siemens' Claim was filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Rule 3001(f) provides that "[a] proof of claim executed and filed in accordance with these rules shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of the validity and amount of the claim." Fed.R.Bankr.P. 3001(f). Accordingly, the Siemens Claim is *prima facie* valid.
- 10. In order to overcome the presumption of validity, the party opposing a claim must present evidence equal in force to the *prima facie* case. See In re Reilly, 245 B.R. 768, 773 (2d

Cir. B.A.P. 2000) ("A properly executed and filed proof of claim constitutes prima facie evidence of the validity of the claim. To overcome this prima facie evidence, the objecting party must come forth with evidence which, if believed, would refute at least one of the allegations essential to the claim." (citation omitted); In re King, 305 B.R. 152, 162 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2004) ("It is well settled that the party objecting to a proof of claim has the burden of coming forward with sufficient evidence rebutting the validity of a properly filed proof of claim."); In re Allegheny Int'l, Inc., et. al., 954 F.2d 167, 173 (3d Cir. 1992). The evidence presented must be of substance, as "the mere denial of the validity or amount is not sufficient." In re Glenn, 100 B.R. 763, 766 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1989). Moreover, "the burden of going forward with the proof is on the objecting [party], not the claimant. That burden is not satisfied by the mere filing of an objection." In re Lanza, 51 B.R. 125, 127 (Bankr. D. N.J. 1985) (citations omitted). An objection alone is not sufficient to meet these standards since "the objection in and of itself is a mere statement of invalidity and insufficient to contest the prima facie case. A trustee must document his objection with probative evidence to satisfy his burden of going forward." In re King Resources Co., 20 B.R. 191, 197 (D. Colo. 1982).

- 11. In the Notice, the Debtors indicate that in addition to the modifications identified in the Objection, they are also seeking to reclassify Siemens' Claim to a general unsecured claim. As Siemens actually filed the Claim as a general unsecured non-priority claim, Siemens does not object to the classification of its Claim as a general unsecured claim.
- 12. In the Objection, the Debtors seek to reduce the Claim from \$17,579.52 to \$4,753.03. As indicated in Exhibit A, Siemens attached copies of the invoices that are the basis of the Claim. Therefore, Siemens' Claim is a properly filed proof of claim that is *prima facie* valid. The Debtors have failed to provide sufficient evidence to overcome a properly filed proof

of claim's *prima facie* evidence of validity. Thus, the Debtors' mere assertion that the Claim is overstated or asserts an incorrect amount without any other evidence is not sufficient documentation equal in force to the *prima facie* validity of Siemens' properly filed proof of claim.

13. The Debtors also seek to modify the Debtors from Case No. 05-44481 to 05-44640 in the Objection. Siemens has no objection to this limited modification.

WHEREFORE, Siemens respectfully requests that this Court enter an order (i) denying the Objection, (ii) allowing Siemens' claim in full, and (iii) granting such other and further relief to Siemens as is appropriate.

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